

Izulu Lami

Izulu Lami (means in Zulu: "*My Sky*" or "*My Heaven*";^[1] English title: "*My Secret Sky*"^[2]) is a 2009 South African film. The movie was shot in the Zulu language; only a few sentences of English are spoken.

When their mother dies, the ten-year-old girl Thembi and her younger brother go to the city of Durban, but are lost in the city alone in a confused state.

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Synopsis

Ten-year and her eight-year-old brother, Khwezi, lose their mother. Their aunt is supposed to take care of them, but once she's sold the few things they have, she disappears. The children are left with nothing but a traditional Zulu mat made by their mother before she died.^[3] Taking their destiny in her hands, Thembi convinces her brother that they should go to the big city of Durban. But once they arrive, they find themselves adrift in a terrifying metropolis.^[4] The very essence of Thembi and Kwezi's bonds are threatened as the city becomes a monster that threatens to completely overwhelm and defeat them.

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<i>Izulu lami</i>	
Directed by	Madoda Ncayiyana
Screenplay by	Madoda Ncayiyana Julie Frederikse
Produced by	DV8 Films Vuleka Productions
Starring	Sobahle Mkhabase Sibonelo Malinga Tshepang Mohlomi Sanele Ndawo Sizwe Xaba/Israel Makoe
Cinematography	Mike Downie
Edited by	Kosta Kalarytis
Music by	Sazi Dlamini
Release date	2008
Running time	90 minutes
Country	<u>South Africa</u>
Language	<u>Zulu</u>

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